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THE THING

AND THE

HUMAN TORCH

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POWERLESS!



A brilliant scientist--his best friend--the woman he loved--and her fiery-tempered kid brother! Together, they braved the unknown terrors of outer space, and were changed by cosmic rays into something more than merely human! They became the FANTASTIC FOUR...but now that Reed and Sue Richards are gone, the world--and the family they left behind--may never be the same again!



PREVIOUSLY...

Doctor Doom alerted Ben Grimm, A.K.A. the Thing, to the existence of the Multisect, a device that Reed Richards left behind so the remaining members of the Fantastic Four could explore the wonders of the Multiverse together. Ben lied to a grief-stricken Human Torch about the Multisect's purpose, claiming that they could use it to find Reed and Sue, who Ben knows to be dead--a lie that Johnny just uncovered.

Now their friendship is fracturing when they need it most. Their travel companion, Rachna Koul, left them stranded in an apocalyptic world ruled by an evil version of Spider-Man when her true motives for helping Ben and Johnny were exposed. Without Rachna's help to restore their powers, which have failed in the absence of their beloved teammates, they've been reduced to hiding out as ordinary citizens, sending out multiversal transmissions to summon help from their own world. But they may not like who answered the call...





LOOK, I KNOW YOU AIN'T TALKIN' TO ME...



...BUT WE NEED A PLACE TO LIVE, JOHNNY.

I GOTTA GO TO WORK. IF YOU CAN HIT THE DINER AND CHECK THE COMMUNITY BOARD FOR ANY RENTALS, MAYBE WE CAN GET IN SOMEWHERE BEFORE NIGHT.



JOHNNY, I'M SORRY, BUT--

SHUT UP, BEN. JUST SHUT UP.

YOU LIED TO ME. ABOUT MY SISTER. MY NIECE AND NEPHEW BEING ALIVE.

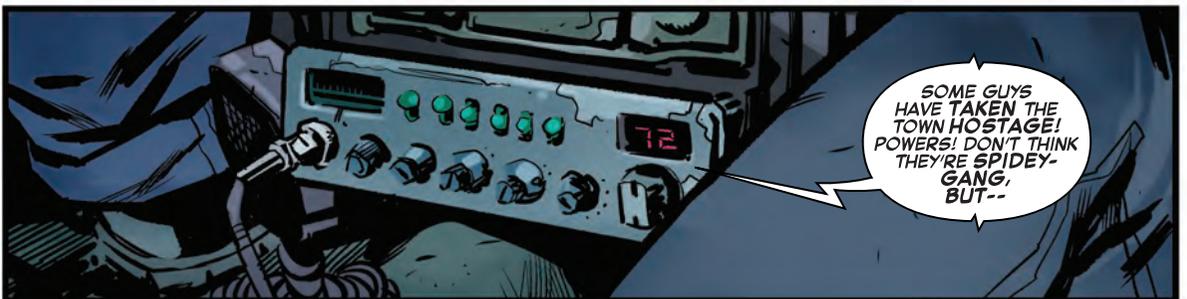
YOU AND I ARE DONE.



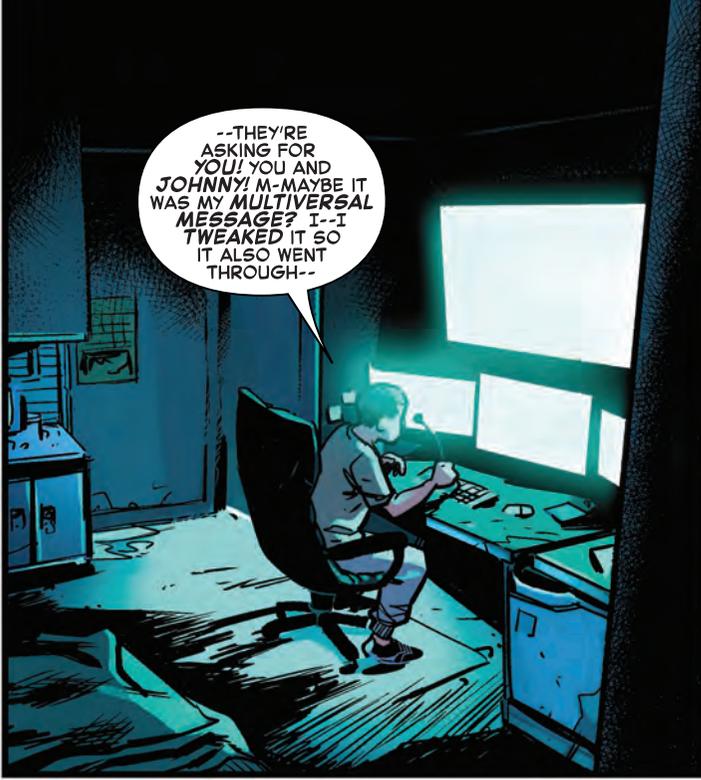
WE'RE STUCK HERE, BUT WE DON'T HAVE TO BE STUCK TOGETHER. I'LL FIND MY OWN PLACE. YOU CAN SLEEP IN THIS #9%& TRUCK FOR ALL I CARE.

THE FANTASTIC FOUR ARE DEAD. AND SO ARE WE. LET'S JUST--

BEN! ARE YOU THERE? BEN! IT'S AMADEUS!



SOME GUYS HAVE TAKEN THE TOWN HOSTAGE! POWERS! DON'T THINK THEY'RE SPIDEY-GANG, BUT--



--THEY'RE ASKING FOR YOU! YOU AND JOHNNY! M-MAYBE IT WAS MY MULTIVERSAL MESSAGE? I--I TWEAKED IT SO IT ALSO WENT THROUGH--



SKCHNK!

AH!



HEY, KID. DIDN'T YOU HEAR THE ANNOUNCEMENT?



TOWN MEETING.



...I'D SAY "PLEASE DON'T BE SCARED," BUT THAT DEFEATS THE PURPOSE, YES?

IF YOU'RE ALL SCARED-- IF YOU KNOW, IN YOUR HEARTS, THAT WE'LL HURT YOU...



...THEN YOU'LL TELL US WHERE THE HUMAN TORCH AND HIS ROCKY COLLABORATOR, THE THING, ARE.



FOUND ONE MORE, BOSS. AND HE KNOWS OUR GUYS. WAS CHATTIN' THEM UP ON A CB RADIO, TELLING THEM ALL ABOUT US.

EXCELLENT, LUMEN. SHOW ME THE RADIO AND WE'LL USE IT TO LURE THEM.

AH, SORRY, THINKER...



...I SMASHED IT.



SHOK!

NH!

YOU IDIOT! THIS IS HOW YOU REPAY ME FOR GIVING YOU SUCH POWER?

AND DON'T CALL ME "THINKER"!



I'M MISTER FANTASTIC!

AND WE'RE--



"--THE FANTASTIC FOUR!"

DAN!
DAN!
OVER
HERE!



QUICK!
DON'T LET
THEM *SEE* YOU!
THEY'RE--THEY'RE
ROUNDING
EVERYONE
UP!

SID!
WHAT'S
GOING
ON?



I--I DON'T KNOW! I FIGURE THEY'RE--THEY'RE FROM THE SPIDER! LOOKIN' FOR THE GUYS WHO KILLED HIS DOCTOR AND ESCAPED BATTLEWORLD!

GUYS NAMED
J-JOHNNY
AND B-B--

BEN.



HOW'D
YOU--

N-NEVER
MIND--LET'S
JUST GET IN YOUR
TRUCK AND TRY TO
MAKE IT TO
DENVILLE...



...HOPEFULLY
THEY DON'T
SPOT US, AND
HOPEFULLY WE CAN
AVOID THE REAVERS'
LAND MINES
AND...

...AND...
...GUYS...?